

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Andrew V. Smith (Reg. No. 43,132) on 3/5/09.

In addition to the Examiner's amendment filed on 2/9/09, the application has been amended as follows:

Claim 80:

In line 1, replace -- "68" -- with -- "79" --.

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 2/12/09 has been entered.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 2/12/09 has been considered by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 2-6, 8-11, 13-60, 62-66, 69-74, 76-111, 113-120, 122-128, 131-166 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance as disclosed in the previous office action mailed on 2/9/09:

The subject matter of the previously dependent claims 19, 23, 61, 75, 79, 112, 135 and 139, as found in the papers filed on 1/22/04, which were indicated, by the lack of a prior art rejection, as allowable subject matter in the office action mailed on 10/3/08, have been add to the

subject matter of independent claims, including any intervening claims, and as a result all the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AARON W. CARTER whose telephone number is (571)272-7445. The examiner can normally be reached on 8am - 4:30 am (Mon. - Fri.).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Werner can be reached on (571) 272-7401. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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